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BAMAko, MAY 17-- NINETEEN MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, BETTER KNOWN AS THE BRANDT COMMISSION, HAVE CONCLUDED THREE DAYS OF MEETINGS HERE TO STUDY ISSUES OF THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN AID.

FORMER WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION, HEADED THE DELEGATION, WHICH HELD ITS OPENING SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 15 AT BAMAko'S HOTEL DE L'AMITIE. OTHER DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED FORMER PRIME MINISTER EDWARD HEATH OF GREAT

BRITAIN, FORMER CHILEAN PRESIDENT EDUARDO FREI, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME OF SWEDEN, JOE MORRIS, PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN CONGRESS OF LABOR, AND LAKSMI KANT JHA, GOVERNOR OF JAMMA AND KASHMIR AND FORMER INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

KATHERINE GRAHAM, PUBLISHER OF THE WASHINGTON POST, AND PETER G PETERSON, FORMER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES AT THE CONFERENCE.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE OF FRANCE, AND INDONESIAN ECONOMIST ADAM MALIK WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

ACCORDING TO MALIAN PRESS REPORTS, BRANDT SAID DELEGATES WOULD HEAR FROM AFRICAN EXPERTS ON THE PROBLEMS OF THEIR COUNTRIES, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE AREAS OF NUTRITION, HOUSING, AND HEALTH. THE

COMMISSION ALSO PLANNED TO DISCUSS THE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

BRANDT SAID HE BELIEVED THE OLD CONCEPT OF FOREIGN AID MUST BE REPLACED BY A NEW CONCEPT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

THE BRANDT COMMISSION WAS FORMED IN LATE 1977, AT THE SUGGESTION OF WORLD BANK PRESIDENT ROBERT MACNAMARA, TO STUDY LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AS THEY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. ACCORDING TO A PROSPECTUS FROM THE COMMISSION, ITS PURPOSE IS TO DEVELOP A NUMBER OF POLITICALLY FEASIBLE COURSES OF ACTION, LEADING TO A MORE EQUITABLE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH CAN COMMAND THE SUPPORT OF BOTH RICH AND POOR NATIONS.

AFTER HOLDING SEVERAL MORE MEETINGS IN ASIA, NORTH AMERICA AND LATIN AMERICA, THE COMMISSION WILL SUBMIT ITS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1979, AND WILL MAKE THE REPORT AVAILABLE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

THE BRANDT COMMISSION IS FINANCED LARGELY FROM PRIVATE AND FOUNDATION SOURCES IN WEST GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, CANADA, AND SEVERAL NEAR EAST STATES. GILBERT

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